

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Tenth Plymouth Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Tenth Plymouth Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 3% (2,980) of these admissions reside in the Tenth Plymouth Representative District. 2% (46) of admissions from the Tenth Plymouth Representative District were under 17 years of age.

Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Tenth Plymouth Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 71% were male and 29% were female.
- 60% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 69% were white non-Latino, 16% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 14% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 32% had less than high school education, 51% completed high school, and 17% had more than high school education.
- 22% were employed.
- 20% were homeless.
- 37% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Tenth Plymouth Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	46%	29%	7%	5%	6%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Tenth Plymouth Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	1,931	1,596	473	825	360	446	316
FY '96	2,147	1,781	592	889	503	571	416
FY '97	2,537	2,120	751	871	571	641	444
FY '98	2,873	2,301	734	861	501	875	595
FY '99	2,949	2,361	835	963	620	977	692
FY '00	3,023	2,355	850	915	643	946	602
FY '01	3,353	2,562	999	1,115	684	1,038	636
FY '02	3,311	2,494	964	961	698	1,065	653
FY '03	2,980	2,124	855	848	594	1,049	685

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Tenth Bristol Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

